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1. ON FLIGHT CAIRO TO HURGADA YESTERDAY MORNING
VP MUBARAK TOLD ME THAT SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE
HAS ASKED TO VISIT CAIRO FIRST WEEK OF MAY IN ORDER TO
MEET WITH SADAT. EGYPTIANS HAVE SENT BACK WORD SUGGEST-
ING HE COME SECOND HALF OF MAY, BUT SOMALI AMBASSADOR
IS STILL URGING THAT SIAD BE RECEIVED EARLIER. MUBARAK
ASKED FOR OUR LATEST INFO ON SOMALIA.

2. I DREW UPON REF A TO BRIEF HIM. I STRESSED OUR
WILLINGNESS PROVIDE SOME MILITARY ASSISTANCE DEPENDS
UPON SIAD'S WILLINGNESS ISSUE SATISFACTORY STATEMENT
RENOUNCING USE OF FORCE AGAINST KENYA AND ETHIOPIA.
AS RESULT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE'S RECENT VISIT,
CONSIDERABLE HEADWAY HAD BEEN MADE ON ARRIVING AT A
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE STATEMENT, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME
MATTERS TO BE RESOLVED. OUR EXCHANGES WITH SOMALIS ON
THIS POINT CONTINUE. MUBARAK SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
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TO SADAT AND HIM TO HAVE OUR LATEST ASSESSMENT OF SOMALI
DEVELOPMENTS BY THE TIME SIAD BARRE ARRIVES, PROBABLY
AROUND MID-MAY. HE NOTED THAT SADAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP
URGE SIAD TO MAKE A SATISFACTORY STATEMENT OF THE TYPE WE
WISH ON KENYA AND ETHIOPIA.

3. MUBARAK THEN INDICATED THAT EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN

MOGADISCIO HAD HEARD FROM SOMALIS THAT A PRO-SOVIET "COUP" IS BEING HATCHED IN KENYA. SOMALIS, ACCORDING EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, ARE EXPECTING SUCH A DEVELOPMENT BEFORE LONG, BUT WERE VAGUE ON DETAILS. AS WE KNEW, SADAT AND GOE ARE VERY SENSITIVE TO ANY EXPANSION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA. MUBARAK ASKED IF WE HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT MIGHT BE LIKELY IN KENYA AND, IF SO, WHAT WE BELIEVE OUGHT TO BE DONE TO PRE-EMPT THIS FROM HAPPENING. EILTS

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